

The Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

40th Anniversary Dinner Report

April 17, 1934 - The first meeting of Lakehead hams was held to form an association that became the Lakehead Wireless Experimenters Association. Chairing that inaugural meeting was the late Pat O'Shea, VE3FW, who was a very well known figure in Canadian Amateur Radio circles.

April 11, 1974 - A 40th Anniversary dinner was held by the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club to observe that auspicious occasion long ago. Among those present were two of the original founding fathers: Brien O'Brien, VE3UA; and Les Harris, VE3AYZ, (who in 1934 was VE3GB). In appreciation of his continuing support of the Club, VE3UA was presented with a life-membership. VE3AYZ had been similarly honoured on a previous occasion.

On the activity side, the Lakehead ARC is still an active body, with its membership providing communications support for the Lakehead Search and Rescue Unit, Emergency Measures Organization and other local organizations needing radio support. Code and theory classes are presently being conducted under the tutorship of Bruce Binnie, VE3GHB. The Northwestern Ontario Net on 3750 kHz is also a gathering spot for Club members, in addition to our repeater on 146.94 MHz FM which has a sizeable population.

In conclusion, VE3FW is not gone. The Lakehead ARC applied for and received the call of the founding president, Pat O'Shea, VE3FW.